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Letter dated 6 May 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004 concerning non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Council established a Committee that would report to it on its implementation by Member States. In reporting to the Council, the Committee would, as appropriate, also call on other expertise.

On 19 April 2005 the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) approved the recruitment of four additional experts to assist it in its work. Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have appointed the following experts to facilitate the work of that Committee:

1. Mr. Berhanykun Andemicael (Eritrea)
2. Mr. Gunterio German Heineken (Argentina)
3. Mr. Patrice Palanque (France)
4. Mr. Ionut Suseanu (Romania)

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 5 May 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 7 March 2005 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations and its annex addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/144), I have the honour to state the following.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the contents of the annex of the aforementioned letter regarding the claims of the United Arab Emirates over the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are and will remain integral and eternal parts of Iranian territory.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to emphasize its principled position on the importance of the continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates in order to expand the bilateral relations and to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian Island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Letter dated 5 May 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 22 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations and its annex addressed to you (A/59/761-S/2005/215), I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the claims contained in the annex of the aforementioned letter regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of Iranian territory and the contents of the said annex regarding the Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value. Moreover, all measures taken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to Abu-Musa Island are in conformity with the Islamic Republic of Iran's rights of national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers that continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates in the spirit of friendship and good will would lead to the expansion and deepening of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields and would help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian Island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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